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LOGISTICS ASSISTANCE IS—JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY

A newly assigned maintenance officer glanced at his desk calendar and noted that it was now 5 April. Only two months remained until the annual unit field exercises and the Army training tests. His unit had recently received delivery of the M551 Sheridan Armored Reconnaissance Airborne Assault Vehicle and his mechanics were experiencing difficulty in absorbing the many details of the auxiliary systems. Repair parts required to support the maintenance schedules were also causing some concern.

The solution to the maintenance officer's problem was received through a telephone conversation with the senior AMC representative at the installation.

"We just received our first delivery of M551 Sheridan vehicles" the maintenance officer reported, "and are having trouble getting them ready for annual maneuvers. Even though my crew is familiar with tracked vehicle maintenance, we're having problems in finding the technical information necessary to troubleshoot and maintain the weapons and turret systems and power train components. Besides that, we're having trouble compiling the prescribed load list (PLL) for the equipment."

The problems called for specialized help, but then, that's what the logistics assistance office (LAO) is all about.

"I think we can help you," the AMC representative replied. "I have several civilian field maintenance technicians who've been trained on these vehicles and who can explain the required maintenance services. I also have a supply management representative who can help your parts people develop proper PLL and repair parts stockage criteria. Should additional experience be required, I'll be able to get it in short order from one of our other AMC activities."

Situations like this arise daily wherever the Army is deployed. And throughout the world, logistics assistance offices are available to provide highly trained, experienced mobile teams to assist in solving immediate problems and to help in developing self-sustaining capability within the organization.

Working through a network of locations, LAO's are staffed and equipped to give the full range of assistance to users of military hardware. Whether difficulties are related to missiles, armored or tactical vehicles, individual or crew-served weapons, communications-electronic gear, aircraft, supply systems, or other military equipment, LAO's have the technical expertise to resolve logistics problems and conduct the training required to keep equipment operative. Details for requesting assistance are spelled out in AR 700-4.

Logistics assistance offices have answers to problems in the areas of supply or maintenance that cannot be resolved by local resources or maintenance assistance instructional teams. Their business is service and assistance to the user, and help from the logistics assistance offices is only a phone call away.

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